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TAGS: APER (LT GEN O'KEEFE), US

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COMMANDER USSAG

1. A SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT IS PLANNED FOR 1100 HOURS (WASHINGTON TIME) 19 SEPTEMBER APPOINTING LT GEN. TIMOTHY F. O'KEEFE, USAF AS COMUSSAG AND NOMINATING HIM FOR PROMOTION TO FOUR STAR RANK AS THE RELIEF FOR GEN. JOHN VOGT, EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 73. GEN. O'KEEFE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS VICE CINC READINESS COMMAND AT TAMPA, FLA., AND IS A FORMER VICE CINCPACAF.

2. YOU MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS NOW ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, WITH NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION UNTIL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS APPOINTMENT IS MADE HERE IN WASHINGTON.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DOD IS INFORMING APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDERS SEPARATELY. RUSH

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